

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An external patch comprising a backing and an adhesive layer laminated onto the backing, the adhesive layer containing as essential components a 5 to 50 wt% styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer (SIS), a 20 to 70 wt% adhesive resin, a 10 to 60 wt% softener, and a 1 to 20 wt% polyvinylpyrrolidone, along with estrogen and/or progestogen as active ingredients.
2. (original) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the estrogen is 17- β -estradiol.
3. (original) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the progestogen is norethisterone acetate.
4. (original) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the backing is a laminate comprising a 0.1 to 20 μ m thick polyethylene terephthalate film and a 1 to 200 μ m thick flexible polymer film, nonwoven fabric or woven fabric.
5. (new) An external patch comprising a backing and an adhesive layer laminated onto the backing, the adhesive layer comprising
 - a 5 to 50 wt% styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer (SIS);
 - a 20 to 70 wt% rosin-based adhesive resin;
 - a 10 to 60 wt% softener;
 - a 1 to 20 wt% polyvinylpyrrolidone; and
 - an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of estrogen, progestogen or a combination of estrogen and progestogen.
6. (new) The patch according to claim 5, wherein the estrogen is 17- β -estradiol.
7. (new) The patch according to claim 5, wherein the progestogen is norethisterone acetate.
8. (new) The patch according to claim 5, wherein the backing is a laminate comprising a 0.1 to 20 μ m thick polyethylene terephthalate film and a 1 to 200 μ m thick flexible polymer film, nonwoven fabric or woven fabric.

9. (new) An external patch comprising a backing and an adhesive layer laminated onto the backing, the adhesive layer comprising
 - a 10 to 30 wt% styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer (SIS);
 - a 40 to 50 wt% adhesive resin;
 - a 20 to 40 wt% softener;
 - a 2 to 10 wt% polyvinylpyrrolidone; and
 - 1 to 3 wt% estrogen or 2 to 5 wt% progestogen.
10. (new) The patch according to claim 9, wherein the estrogen is 17- β -estradiol.
11. (new) The patch according to claim 9, wherein the progestogen is norethisterone acetate.
12. (new) The patch according to claim 9, wherein the backing is a laminate comprising a 0.1 to 20 μ m thick polyethylene terephthalate film and a 1 to 200 μ m thick flexible polymer film, nonwoven fabric or woven fabric.